



"In Lahaina Town,
SURF lessons
become
LIFE lessons."

***Uncle Bully's Surf Skool* premiered this month at
the 2023 Hawai'i International Film Festival on
O'ahu, and was nominated for the Best Made in
Hawai'i Feature Film Award!**



Uncle Bully's Surf Skool, a short film by directors Leah Warshawski and Todd Soliday, profiles Bull "Uncle Bully" Kotter, highlighting his mentorship and aloha throughout the pandemic. During that time, he uplifted his community through surfing and provided free lessons to the underserved and unhoused keiki (children) of Lahaina, Maui, Hawai'i.

In the summer before the film's 2023 premiere, wildfires devastated Lahaina, taking Uncle Bully's home with it. Yet, within a week of the fires, Bully was gathering kids and getting them back in the water.

Today, the documentary has taken on even greater meaning. It now poignantly showcases Lahaina Town, the resilience of its people, and the power of one person to shape a more hopeful future for the next generation.

The Foundation for Global Sports Development and Sidewinder Films are honored to have partnered with the documentary team at Inflatable Film to present *Uncle Bully's Surf Skool* and increase the film's impact through community screenings and educational guides.



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